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SUBJECT: HARCOS/FLETCHER

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN UPDATE ON THE HARCOS/FLETCHER CASE FOR
YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A. THE APPEAL BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR TO HAVE THE HARCOS/
FLETCHER CASE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PRESENT PRESIDING JUDGE,
JUDGE CHAUDHURI, WHICH WAS TO BE HEARD ON JULY 2ND, HAS
BEEN DELAYED.

B. PROSECUTION HAS ADVISED THE HIGH COURT THAT DIPANKAR GUPTA,
STANDING COUNSEL WHO HAS REPRESENTED THE GOVERNMENT IN ALL
HIGH COURT APPEALS IN THE HARCOS AND FLETCHER MATTER HAS BEEN
PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL OF INDIA AND TRANS-
FERRED TO NEW DELHI. HEARINGS HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY
RESCHEDULED FOR JULY 9 WHEN A NEW STANDING COUNSEL WILL BE
APPOINTED. THIS WILL DELAY A BIT THE START OF THE TRIAL.
(GUPTA HAS BEEN ABOUT AS GOOD AS WE COULD EXPECT FROM
A PROSECUTION COUNSEL FAIR, EQUITABLE AND POLITE.
WE DON'T KNOW WHO THE NEW COUNSEL WILL BE OR WHAT HE
WILL BE LIKE, BUT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW HE COULDN'T
BE MUCH BETTER AND MIGHT BE A LOT WORSE.)

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C. ADVOCATE DUDHWEWALA NOTIFIED CONOFF JULY 2 BY PHONE THAT

ADVOCATE DATTA HAS RETURNED HOME AFTER QUOTE HIS LEAVE UNQTE
BUT WILL NOT APPEAR IN COURT OR HIS CHAMBERS FOR AT LEAST
ANOTHER MONTH. (DATTA HAS COME UP FROM HIS CPM UNDERGROUND BUT
IS STILL BEING CAREFUL).
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